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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DDC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: National African-American History Month 2005

The Department of Defense has observed February as African-American History Month since 1970. This year's theme is: The Niagara Movement. During the month, we celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to the development and defense of this nation.

The Niagara Movement was organized to fight for equal rights and founded by W.E.B. Du Bois. It existed from 1905 to 1910. Du Bois and other supporters met at Niagara Falls, but on the Canadian side since no hotel on the American side would register them. They drafted a list of demands that included an end to segregation and an end to discrimination in unions, the courts, and public accommodation, as well as equality of economic and educational opportunity. This organization was the catalyst that birthed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), an organization which fights for equal rights for all people.

As we celebrate, let's remember that African Americans have overcome great obstacles and made many important contributions to DDC and this great nation. As part of our goal we should be mindful of barriers that hamper communications and we should take action to challenge those barriers as we pay tribute to the legacy of these great Americans. The Defense Distribution Center takes pleasure in joining our great Nation in honoring all African Americans during National African-American History Month.

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